



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

ATT: BOX AF

Stephen Michnick

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial Number: 09/870,018

Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: A PROTEIN FRAGMENT

COMPLEMENTATION ASSAY (PCA) FOR THE .

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NUCLEIC INTERACTIONS BASED ON THE

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2004

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box AF Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding final Office Action dated July 14, 2004, and further to the courteous interview granted by Examiner Fredman on July 22, 2004, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

No claim amendments are being made at this time accordingly a new listing and status of claims is not required.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.